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**From:** McGill, Thomas [McGill.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 10/30/2020 1:06:56 PM  
**To:** Hurlid, Kathy [Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov]; Nagrani, Kavita [Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov]; Laycock, Kelly [Laycock.Kelly@epa.gov]; Wade, Alexis [Wade.Alexis@epa.gov]; Beck, Whitney [beck.whitney@epa.gov]; Calli, Rosemary [Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov]; Kupchan, Simma [Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: availability to talk with FWS about the BiOp

In case you haven't see it, I forwarded everyone an email to the FWS around 2:30pm yesterday which proposed meeting times at either 1:00-2:00 today or the two windows of time next Thursday that are in the email below. I haven't seen a response yet but will keep you posted.

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**From:** Hurlid, Kathy <Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 9:04 AM  
**To:** Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Laycock, Kelly <Laycock.Kelly@epa.gov>; McGill, Thomas <McGill.Thomas@epa.gov>; Wade, Alexis <Wade.Alexis@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>  
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The 404g meeting is likely to be cancelled. Even if it is not Kelly and I can skip it.

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**From:** Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** Laycock, Kelly <Laycock.Kelly@epa.gov>; McGill, Thomas <McGill.Thomas@epa.gov>; Wade, Alexis <Wade.Alexis@epa.gov>; Hurlid, Kathy <Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>  
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I have a conflict beginning at 1 pm next Thursday but otherwise am good to go.

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**From:** Laycock, Kelly <Laycock.Kelly@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 8:14 AM  
**To:** McGill, Thomas <McGill.Thomas@epa.gov>; Wade, Alexis <Wade.Alexis@epa.gov>; Hurlid, Kathy <Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>  
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1230-200 next Thursday is 404(g) call but available for all the other times.

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**From:** McGill, Thomas <McGill.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:12 AM  
**To:** Wade, Alexis <Wade.Alexis@epa.gov>; Hurlid, Kathy <Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Laycock, Kelly <Laycock.Kelly@epa.gov>; Calli,

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**Importance:** High

When we send the FWS the BiOp comments we will also suggest a call to discuss. I think Alexis is critical for that discussion and see that she's not available Mon-Wed next week. I've looked at everyone's calendars and see a window of time tomorrow 12-2, and some limited pockets of time on Thu (8:30-9:30 or 12:30-2:00) next week. I'm inclined to suggest to them these two timeframes, but if you have any concerns with this please respond to all as soon as possible. Thanks! Tom

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**From:** McGill, Thomas

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:58 AM

**To:** Hurlid, Kathy <Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Wade, Alexis <Wade.Alexis@epa.gov>; Parker, Christopher <Parker.Christopher@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>; Speir, Jeffrey <speir.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Morgan, James <Morgan.James@epa.gov>; Laycock, Kelly <Laycock.Kelly@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Creswell, Michael <Creswell.Michael@epa.gov>; Clark, Maria <Clark.Maria@epa.gov>; Kajumba, Ntale <Kajumba.Ntale@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: FYI - RE: Review of BiOp for FL Assumption

Thanks Kathy, I'll coordinate with Rosemary and Kelly to send the comments to FWS this morning.

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**From:** Hurlid, Kathy <Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:23 AM

**To:** McGill, Thomas <McGill.Thomas@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Wade, Alexis <Wade.Alexis@epa.gov>; Parker, Christopher <Parker.Christopher@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>; Speir, Jeffrey <speir.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Morgan, James <Morgan.James@epa.gov>; Laycock, Kelly <Laycock.Kelly@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Creswell, Michael <Creswell.Michael@epa.gov>; Clark, Maria <Clark.Maria@epa.gov>; Kajumba, Ntale <Kajumba.Ntale@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FYI - RE: Review of BiOp for FL Assumption

Good Morning – I know Jeanneane will also forward, but I'm online early this am so..... Dave is clearing on the BiOp and our comments.

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**From:** Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:12 AM

**To:** Hurlid, Kathy <Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>; McDavit, Michael W. <Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Review of BiOp for FL Assumption

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**From:** Ross, David P <[ross.davidp@epa.gov](mailto:ross.davidp@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Review of BiOp for FL Assumption

Confidential/Deliberative

Jeaneanne and team,

I have reviewed the team's comments on the draft Bi-Op and agree with them. Rather than wait for me to complete my line by line review of the entire document, and in the interest of keeping this process moving forward, please pass on your comments to Interior and move forward with your meetings. Please mention that senior leadership may pass on some more comments as we complete our review, and that we appreciate the thoughtful work to date and collaboration on this important issue.

Thanks!

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2020, at 11:53 AM, Gettle, Jeaneanne <[Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov](mailto:Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dave, David, Susan and Mary,

As we continue our review of documents and material related to the request by FL to assume CWA 404, our team has prepared the attached set of comments on the USFWS's draft BiOp. I would appreciate your review/comment and/or approval to share these comments with USFWS. The document which requires review is the attachment with "EXTERNAL" in the filename. Also attached is a 2-page companion summary of our comments, intended to remain internal to EPA (see attachment with "INTERNAL" in the filename).

The BiOp is on our bi-weekly agenda for next week so I wanted to give you time to consider the documents before the meeting. For your information, these comments reflect the work of our assumption team, including HQ (OW, OGC and OECA) representatives. In OGC they have been reviewed by staff attorneys and Steve Neugeboren agreed to me sending the documents forward. In OW, John Goodin has been briefed and agreed to send the documents forward. In OECA, Henry Barnet has indicated they have no additional comments. OECA/OCE is still reviewing the documents and Rosemarie Kelly agreed to my forwarding them in the interim. In Region 4, I have reviewed the comments.

Once approved for release to USFWS, our intent would be to request a meeting with USFWS to discuss the comments at essentially the same time we send the comments forward to them.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks

Jeaneanne

<EXTERNAL - draft FWS BiOp with EPA comments and suggested revisions - 10-20-2020.docx>

<INTERNAL - summary of EPA comments and suggested revisions to draft FWS BiOp - 10-20-2020.docx>